Research on its Economic history of India project;

(b) whether it is a fact that not a single volume has been published so far; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the amount spent on the Economic History of India Project so far is Rs. 19,55,161/.

(b) Yes, Sir, However, the ICHR have informed that two volumes of the Project namely Indian Railways and Indian Agriculture are ready for the Press.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

दिल्ली में उत्पीड़न झेलने को विवश चालीस हजार महिलाएं

3464. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणेः** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) नई दिल्ली से प्रकाशित "कुबेर टाइम्स" के दिनांक 12 मार्च, 1998 के संस्करण में "दिल्ली में 40 हजार महिलाएं उत्पीड़न झेलने को विवश" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार के प्रति सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बद्ध में कोई छानबीन की है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में कोई कार्रवाई करने जा रही है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) और (ख) दि कान्फेडरेशन ऑफ इण्डीजनस एण्ड ट्राइबल पीपल्स आर्गनीजेशन ने बिहार, उड़ीसा और मध्य प्रदेश की वृद्ध प्रवासी महिलाओं की स्थिति के संबंध में अपनी सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट भारत सरकार को प्रस्तुत नहीं की है, जिस का समाचार में उल्लेख किया गया है।

(क) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Non-Utilisation of Funds Under Adult Education Programme

3465. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated under Adult Education Programme to State are not being utilized;

(b) if so, what is the position since the last five years when this scheme was launched; and

(c) what were the targets fixed, targets achieved, funds allocated and funds used and what steps Government propose to take so that the objectives underlying Total Literacy Campaign targeted at the 15-35 years illiterate population are achieved?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) has been adopted as the principal strategy of National Literacy Mission for eradication of illiteracy. These campaigns are followed by Post Literacy Campaigns (PPCs) to consolidate the gains of literacy acquired and to develop abilities for self learning and skill upgradation. The grants are released to Zilla Saksharata Samities (ZSSs), which are usually headed by District Collector, on sharing basis with the State Governments at 2:1 and 4:1 in normal and tribal districts, respectively. Since the grants are released project-wise, the annual utilisation of grants are not comiled; and unutilised funds are carried over to the next financial year till the project is completed.

The details of grants released, expenditure incurred and unutilised balances as on 31st March, 98 in respect of Total Literacy Campaigns and Post Literacy Campaigns are as follows:—